## **To Whom It May Concern:**

## **Bid Opening Changes**

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, WSDOT has made significant changes to the bid submittal and bid opening process.

Beginning April 1, 2020, WSDOT will accept hand-delivered paper bids at the main reception desk of the Transportation Headquarters Building in Olympia as WSDOT facilities are now closed to the public. You may leave bids on the reception desk. A WSDOT Contract Ad & Award staff member will be at the desk to accept and stamp bids. Contractors are asked to maintain a distance of six feet from WSDOT employees when dropping off bids. There are no bid submittal changes for those mailing bids in or for contractors that bid electronically through Bid Express. You can learn more about Bid Express bidding services by visiting their bidding services web page.

Additionally, Public Bid Opening will be held using GoTo Meeting beginning April 1, 2020. Contractors submitting paper bids will not be able to stay to watch the bid opening in person. We will still conduct a Public Bid Opening after 11:01, however the public will need to attend by either calling in to hear the opening or by accessing GoTo Meeting to view the opening.

The GoTo Meeting will begin at 10:30. Attendees will see an empty board room until shortly after the bid submittal deadline passes at 11:01. It may take several minutes longer for WSDOT staff to print the electronic bids received and begin the bid opening.

If you are planning to attend our Public Bid Opening by GoTo Meeting you are encouraged to get the app now. We are including the GoTo Meeting link and call in information for each bid opening next to the Bid Opening Date at: https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/contaa/Contracts/default.htm.

If you have questions, please contact us at CAA@wsdot.wa.gov or call 360-705-7835.